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ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

On March 23, 2007, a phone interview was conducted. Participants included Applicant's Patent Agent, Stephen F. Wolf, and Examiner Helen O. Chu.

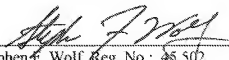
The substance of the interview is accurately summarized in the Interview Summary supplied by the Examiner. The Examiner and the Applicant's representative discussed Verhoog (U.S. Patent 6,296,968) in view of Brinkman et al. (U. S. Patent 4,007,315). The Applicant's representative suggested an amendment to claim 1 to overcome Verhoog and Brinkman. The suggested amendment would define the conformable bladder as being external to the electrochemical device. No agreement was reached between the Examiner and the Applicant's representative.

The Applicant's representative has filed an RCE with an amendment in this case to put the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. Allowance of pending claims 1-31 at an early date is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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